

Iron County Register

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MONTON, MISSOURI

A law has been enacted forbidding the importation of opium as a narcotic into Australia.

About two-thirds of the alcohol made in Greece is distilled from currants. The average annual production is given at 2,500,000 okeos, or 7,000,000 pounds.

Dr. Plorkowski, a German bacteriologist, says he has discovered not only the microbe of distemper in dogs, but also an effective serum having curative as well as preventive properties.

London has 1,000 ships and 9,000 sailors in its port every day. It has upwards of 75,000 persons annually taken into custody by the police, 27,000 persons living in its common lodging-houses, 25,000 persons annually arrested as drunk and disorderly, and one-third of the crime of the country is committed within its radius.

The greatest known depth of the sea is in the mid-Pacific ocean, and is recorded as 5,269 fathoms—31,614 feet—or 66 feet short of six statute miles. This sounding was obtained on the United States steamship Nero, and it is greater than any elevation on our continent, or so far as known, in the world.

Dr. David T. Day, a government expert, has created a new industry in the northwest. After months of patient investigation he has proved that the common black sands of the Pacific coast are rich in useful minerals, and that good steel can be made from this sand. Manufacturers of placer machinery are now devising improved mining apparatus for working the sands.

A considerable fish trade has been built up with Cuba since the war with Spain. Gloucester exporting large quantities of cured pollock to Cuba as well as to Porto Rico. The general field of demand has grown largely with improved methods of refrigeration and transportation, heavy shipments being made to the west to fill the demands made by the increasing foreign population of western cities, to whom the use of fish on fast days is an important item.

Steve Van Allen, of Jamaica, who has small caliber rifle at a show in New York, set to work the other day to make a new record at 1,000 glass balls. Last year Van Allen beat the record of Dr. Carver, which was 870 broken out of 1,000, by breaking 928. He used a smaller ball than Dr. Carver. He thought he might not be successful, but after he had smashed a few hundred he warmed up to his work and made the new record 936.

Few persons outside those in army circles are aware of the fact that the government has in the artillery corps of its regular army on wheels guns that are capable of throwing a projectile weighing 15 pounds a distance of nine miles and still be effective. Such guns are those of the Sixteenth Battery, siege artillery, stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, and this is the only battery in the world with such big howitzer barrels, and it has but four of them. The entire gun and carriage weigh 10,000 pounds.

The American colony in Rome is suffering from a tax on vanity. The municipal authorities have increased the income tax of American residents, not on any actual return of income, but based entirely on external symptoms of the wealth of each inhabitant. The tax agent files all the society papers, and, as it is found that the Americans in society like to have their dances and dinners noted in the papers, the agent simply taxes the American in accordance with the luxury of their entertainments.

A very simple experiment, made by an eminent bacteriologist, determines in a startling manner the potential dangers associated with accumulations of dust in living rooms. A pinpoint was used to convey as much dust as so small a vehicle will carry. This yielded no less than 3,000 colonies of living germs, when cultivated on gelatin, and although, fortunately, every species was not representative of disease, yet the majority were potent sources of decomposition and danger to health.

A gruesome discovery was made in a railway carriage running between Dresden and Berlin. On a recent trip, several passengers having tried to open the door of a lavatory at the end of the carriage, the guard was called, and, on arriving in the station in Berlin, had the door broken in. The body of a man was then discovered hanging from a peg in the wall. His railway ticket was dated early in January. The corpse had evidently accompanied the train back and forth on its journey for several weeks.

Pacific coast army officers are greatly interested in the announcement of Gen. Greeley, chief United States signal officer, that, as a result of exhaustive experiments, receivers have been perfected that will enable the army to intercept and read the messages sent by any system of wireless telegraphy now in use. With the receivers in question the United States Signal Corps claims to have placed its code of secret intercommunication ahead of that of the naval system. The invention is absolutely secret, and is to remain so.

If a person's name gets on the English registry of voters, however improperly, he has an indefeasible right to vote. Thus it happened in the recent election that a woman voted for a member of parliament. In another case, at Rayleigh, in Essex, a schoolboy—James Griggs, 11 years old—found himself legally entitled to claim a vote. At the polling station he had presented himself on the day of the election, and the identifying the officials in charge of his identity with the person named in the register, was allowed to vote.

JUST OUT AND READING UP.



The Groundhog—My, But I've Lost the Run of Events During the Last Six Weeks.

THE FAMINE IN NORTH JAPAN

STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL RED CROSS.

The Famine Now Known to Be One of the Most Terrible Starvation Emergencies of Modern Times.

New York.—Officials of the New York state branch of the American National Red Cross, Thursday, issued a statement as to famine conditions in Japan:

"The famine in Japan," the statement says, "which has been considered for some time moderately serious, is now known, as the result of reliable private advices received by the New York state Red Cross, to be one of the most terrible starvation emergencies of modern times. The failure of the rice crops, which at one time was believed to be limited to certain classes only, in the northern provinces, has been found to be general in these parts of Japan, and conservative estimates place the number of starving Japanese at from 800,000 to 1,000,000 persons. For these there is absolutely no relief in sight until next October, when a new harvest will be available.

The sum of \$16,000,000 will be required to save the Japanese country people."

A special meeting of the Japanese famine committee has been called for Monday. The committee is now considering whether it is wise to undertake the collection and transportation of food as well as money.

ROBT. SPRIGGS CONVICTED

He Was the Proprietor of a "White Slave" Pen in New York—Ruled Mandated For Sentence.

New York.—Thursday, Robt. Spriggs, colored, proprietor of a resort where, it is alleged, white women were detained against their will, was found guilty by a jury of the offense of abduction. Spriggs was remanded until Thursday for sentence. The extreme penalty in such crimes is 20 years' imprisonment.

The testimony of the women witnesses was to the effect that they had, while intoxicated, been led to the Spriggs resort, and there, behind barred windows and doors, been held prisoners. One woman testified that she had been an inmate of the house under these conditions for five years.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Indictment Returned Against Rev. Louis Kelly, at Peoria, Ill., the Late Rev. Simmons' Partner.

Peoria, Ill.—Rev. Louis Kelly, the well-known Baptist minister, who was a partner with the late Rev. Geo. Simmons in the defunct People's savings bank, was indicted for embezzlement by the grand jury Wednesday afternoon. The indictment charges that Kelly received deposits on Monday, February 5, the day before Dr. Simmons committed suicide, when he knew that the bank was insolvent. Recent developments in the case have shown that the bank held notes signed by Kelly and Simmons, with a face value of \$121,000.

HAS SEEN HER BEST DAYS

Reported Structural Weakness of the Battleship Oregon Caused By Heavy Gun Fire.

Honolulu.—The renowned battleship Oregon, which is returning to San Francisco for repairs, has arrived here from the orient. It is reported structural weakness developed under the use of heavy guns. For some time, it is understood, there has been an order not to use the 13-inch guns.

Killed in "Bucking" a Snow Drift.

Rochester, N. Y.—At least one man was killed, one fatally hurt and scores of passengers endangered in a wreck on the Lehigh Valley railroad near Lima Thursday. The wreck resulted from efforts to buck through a snow drift.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Port Huron, Mich.—Thursday two Grand Trunk railroad trains collided head on near Sarnia. One train was a passenger, the other a freight. Fireman Crapp and Fireman Hughes of the freight were killed.

Yokum Rallies After Operation.

New York.—Benjamin F. Yokum, chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island and Frisco systems, who was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday evening, is recovering rapidly.

Love-Lorn Man Kills Self.

Hopkinsville, Ky.—A young man named Alexander is dead from morphine. He had procured a license to marry Miss Hendricks, a neighbor's daughter, and when she refused to marry him he took the fatal dose.

RACE TRACK MAN HELD UP

A Case of Virulent Smallpox Developed On a Trip From Los Angeles to Chicago.

Chicago, Ill.—Mr. Edward Jasper, a well-known race track official, is in the Chicago isolation hospital suffering with smallpox, where he was taken, Thursday, together with Mrs. Jasper, on their arrival in Chicago from Los Angeles. Mr. Jasper is secretary of the Los Angeles Jockey club, and at the close of racing at Ascot park he and Mrs. Jasper started for Chicago, where they have lived for many years. During the journey Secretary Jasper was taken ill, and was examined by a physician, but his malady was not pronounced smallpox until he stepped off the train here Thursday, and was intercepted by officers of the Chicago health department.

According to the health officers, Jasper has the disease in a virulent form. Although there is yet no signs of the disease having attacked Mrs. Jasper, she was taken to the isolation hospital along with her husband.

Mr. Jasper was for many years connected with the Chicago race tracks in an official capacity, and is known to horsemen all over the country.

THANKED BY PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt Thanks the Christian Herald For Generous Gifts to Jap Famine Fund.

Washington.—Wednesday the president sent the following telegram to Dr. Louis Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald, New York:

"Let me heartily thank you, and through you the Christian Herald, for the admirable work done in connection with the famine sufferers in Japan. You have rendered a very real service to humanity and to the cause of international good will."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

ALLEGED CASE OF GRAFT

Brewery Agent Charges That County Attorney Collected Money For Granting "Joins" Immunity.

Kansas City, Mo.—John F. Steele, for upwards of two years agent in Kansas City, Kas., of a brewing company, testified in the Gibson outer hearing in that city, Thursday, that for many months he paid James S. Gibson, county attorney, three dollars a month for each "joint" or illicit saloon owned by the brewery in Kansas City as a guaranty of immunity from prosecution. Steele also testified that Gibson demanded five dollars a month, but on a compromise reduced the amount to three dollars.

GRANDPAPA ROCKEFELLER

Stork Brings a Boy to the Son of the Noted Standard Oil Magnate.

New York.—On Wednesday a fine, healthy, blue-eyed 11-pound boy opened his eyes upon the world for the first time in a house in West Fifty-fourth street, and is his presumptive to the greatest fortune in the world, for the baby, at his christening, will be John D. Rockefeller III.

Trade With Canada.

Washington.—The trade of the United States with Canada in the fiscal year 1905 aggregated \$202,999,213, against \$89,429,096 in 1895, according to a bulletin issued by the department of commerce and labor.

Bacon Men Fined \$2,000.

Evansville, Ind.—Upon plain evidence that they had bunched a Kentucky farmer out of \$600 in a game of seven-up, John Miller, Harry Butler and Edward Smith were fined by Police Judge Winfrey sums aggregating \$2,000, with the costs added.

A Double Tragedy.

New York.—Tuesday night Jas. Byland, a bartender, and his wife, Mary, were found dead in their apartments. Byland had been shot twice and a revolver lay by his side, and finger-marks were on the woman's throat.

Big Gas Theft Alleged.

Milwaukee.—On Wednesday Charles Ross, a retired hardware dealer, was arrested, charged with stealing \$26,000 worth of gas in the past seven years by tapping the Milwaukee Gas-light Co.'s mains.

Wrecked Colorado Mill Burns.

Ouray, Colo.—Fire suddenly broke out in the ruins of the Camp Bird mill, which was wrecked on Sunday by a snowslide, completing the destruction of the plant. The mill was erected in 1898 at a cost of \$500,000.

THEIR OLD KENTUCKY HOME

PREPARATION FOR HOMECOMING WEEK IN LOUISVILLE.

Thousands of Native Kentuckians, Residents of Other States, Are Expected to Participate.

Louisville, Ky.—From the numerous responses and acceptances already received it is estimated that several thousand visitors will be in Louisville during the "home-coming week" reunion, June 13 to 17, arrangements for which are nearing completion. An elaborate programme has been prepared. The address of welcome at the formal exercises will be delivered by Hon. Henry Watterson, and the response will be by former Gov. David R. Francis, of Missouri. The statue of Stephen Collins Foster, the author of "My Old Kentucky Home," erected by the pennies of Kentucky schoolchildren, will be unveiled, as also will one of Daniel Boone. Among the ex-Kentuckians who will appear on the programme during home-coming week are John G. Carlisle, William Lindsay, Preston H. Leslie, Thomas T. Crittenden, former Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson, Senator Shelby M. Cullom, Associate Justice John M. Harlan, of Washington, and many others.

MISPAGEL GETS TWO YEARS

Former Cashier of St. Charles (Mo.) Savings Bank Convicted By Friends on Own Testimony.

St. Charles, Mo.—On Friday Anton F. Mispagel, who admitted on the witness stand that he had falsified the books of the St. Charles savings bank, of which he was cashier, and had thus concealed a shortage for years, was found guilty of embezzlement and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Mispagel was convicted by his own testimony, according to the jurors, who were all his personal friends. His admission that he had sworn to statements made to the secretary of state, when he knew those statements embodied false entries made to cover up a shortage, more than offset his declaration that he had not profited by the shortages and his explanations that the money was lost through bad loans—through errors of judgment and not by theft.

Fourteen informations were filed against Mispagel after his arrest. He was tried on but one of these informations, which covered various sums aggregating \$4,000.

SAW HER ASSAILANT HUNG

Mrs. Dan Norman Witnessed Execution of Curtis Jackson, Who Assaulted Her, at Poplar Bluff.

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—In a steady, pouring rain a crowd numbering hundreds stood inside the stockade erected in the courthouse square and saw Curtis Jackson, a 17-year-old negro boy, legally hanged on the forty-ninth day after his crime for an assault on a white woman. The husband of the injured woman sprung the trap at a signal from the sheriff, and the woman herself witnessed the execution.

The crime was committed February 2. The next day the criminal escaped lynching only because the sheriff ordered the arrest of the woman's husband, who led the mob. On February 20 he was convicted and 21 days later he was hanged without having made an appeal to a higher court, and without having asked the governor for a respite.

Jackson showed no emotion or fear and walked firmly to the gallows between two negro ministers. When the sheriff asked him whether he had anything to say, he said: "Gentlemen, I wish to say that I did not get justice. I am prepared to meet this death. I am prepared to meet my God in Heaven."

CENTURY MINE DISASTER

A Thorough Causus of the Disaster Shows That 23 Are Dead and About a Score Injured.

Phillipi, W. Va.—The revised death list of the Century mine disaster has now reached 23 while 20 or more are injured. Officials of the company report that 22 bodies have been recovered and that but one more is in the mine. A thorough causus of the disaster was made by representatives of the coal company, and all the employees have been accounted for but one, who is thought to be buried beneath a pile of debris in the mine.

KANSAS CITY, KAS., GRAFT

Testimony That, For Forty Dollars, a Man Was Permitted to Give Prize and Chicken Fights.

Kansas City, Mo.—Incident to the ouster proceedings against County Attorney Gibson at Kansas City, Kas., S. E. Peate, secretary of the Barbers' union of that city, testified that he paid \$40 to M. H. McHaie, the alleged collector for the county attorney's office, for the privilege of giving a prize fight and a chicken fight.

Yellow Fever at Panama.

Panama.—Another authentic case of yellow fever having developed at Bocas del Toro, H. D. Reed, executive secretary in the department of government and sanitation on the canal zone, will confer with Foreign Secretary Guardia regarding the most efficient means of exterminating the fever there.

Youth Hangs Self On Vase.

Blackfoot, Idaho.—Thursday, Fred L. Gleasing, aged 17, of El Paso, Ill., hanged himself in the cellar of his brother's house. He came here for his health.

One Killed in Freight Wreck.

Beardstown, Ill.—Friday an extra freight train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy collided with the rear end of another freight at Brown's. Claude McGill, fireman, was burned to death by coals from the fire-box.

Race Riot in Louisiana.

Shreveport, La.—William Henry Smith, a white man, and two negro women, were shot in a race clash near Allen bridge, Bossier parish. Smith's wounds will result fatally.

A FIVE YEARS' SENTENCE

Thomas M. Casey, Former Manager of the Salmon Bank at Clinton, Mo., Sentenced.

Harrisonville, Mo.—The ex-banker Thomas M. Casey, former manager of the bank of Salmon & Salmon, of Clinton, which failed last summer with heavy liabilities, catching many poor depositors, pleaded guilty here, Saturday, in the circuit court to a charge of forgery, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

John I. Hinkle, prosecuting attorney of Henry county, recommended that the punishment be fixed at five years in the penitentiary.

A short talk of explanation was made by W. E. Owen, one of T. M. Casey's attorneys. The court accordingly sentenced the banker to five years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Six other indictments for forgery against Casey were dismissed by the prosecuting attorney. The proceedings in court consumed but half an hour. After receiving sentence, Casey was taken in charge by Sheriff Smart, who started during the afternoon for the penitentiary at Jefferson City with the prisoner.

Casey said he was anxious to begin serving his sentence.

In the Penitentiary. Jefferson City, Mo.—Former Banker Thomas M. Casey was taken to the penitentiary Sunday afternoon, having spent the night at the Madison house with the sheriff and friends. He will probably be assigned to work as a book-keeper.

STRICKEN IN HIS PULPIT

Rev. J. B. Lentz, a Latter Day Saints Preacher, Killed By Lightning While Preaching.

Carson, Ia.—While he was engaged in preaching to his congregation, Sunday, Rev. J. B. Lentz, pastor of a Latter Day Saints church at this place, was struck by lightning, which caused his death within half an hour. The bolt descended during a hard thunder storm and was communicated to the preacher by a chandelier hanging directly above his head. The shock threw him to the floor in an unconscious state, while many persons in the audience were partially stunned. After nearly everyone had fled from the building Lentz was carried out, but failed to regain consciousness. The church took fire, but it was saved. Lentz leaves a wife and two children.

JAMMED INTO A BIG TRUNK

The Body of Albert N. McVickar Found in a Trunk At a Railway Station in Stockton, Cal.

Stockton, Cal.—The railway baggage man at the Southern Pacific station discovered the remains of a man about 38 years old jammed into a large trunk. Officers who have been working on the case assert that the man was placed in the trunk while yet alive. Developments show that the dead man was Albert N. McVickar, who had been employed as timberman in the Rawhide mine at Jamestown, Tuolumne county. The police are now endeavoring to locate Mrs. McVickar, who was in the city with her husband.

A MORE HOPEFUL FEELING

Belief at Algiers That Another Forthright Will See the Signing of a Protocol.

Algiers, Spain.—Both the German and the French delegates to the conference on Moroccan reforms say that the outlook for an agreement is eminently hopeful, but neither would make a more definite statement. Representatives of the neutral powers, however, assert that the principal work of the conference had been virtually concluded, and that a settlement, was imminent, but said there might possibly be minor hitches in connection with the details owing to the necessity to minutely lay down the terms in order to avoid future controversy, thus prolonging the operations of the signing of the protocol another fortnight.

TO SAVE NIAGARA FALLS

Recommendation of American Waterways Commission Sent to Congress.

Washington.—Needed and appropriate legislation for the preservation of Niagara Falls is recommended in the report of the American waterways commission, sent to congress Saturday afternoon by the secretary of war.

The report recommends that legislation be enacted that will limit the withdrawal of water from the American side to 25,500 cubic feet per second, this provision to remain in force two years, and then become the permanent law of the land. In the meantime Canada shall enact legislation limiting the diversion of water on that side of 36,000 cubic feet per second.

Vein of Gold Discovered.

Anstett, Tex.—Prospector E. Oscar Hart, a New Yorker, on his way home after a 700-mile wagon trip through Death Valley, Cal., says that he discovered a large vein of gold ore of fabulous richness not far from "Scotty's" wonderful mine, and that he will return and develop it.

Insanity Plea Saves Woman.

Roswell, N. M.—Saturday, Mrs. Mary Aiken, who confessed to having buried her child alive on January 7, was found not guilty by the jury at Carlsbad. Insanity was the defense.

Missouri's Davy Crockett Dead.

Denver, Colo.—Saturday, Dr. Jessie Grath, aged 73, died at his residence here. McGrath was known in mining circles as "Missouri's Davy Crockett." He was one of the pioneers who crossed the desert to the gold fields in 1849.

Wealthy Farmer Kills Himself.

Bloomington, Ill.—At his home, Frederick Rupel, aged 76, a wealthy farmer of Normal, while dependent over his long sickness, shot and killed himself. He was well known through central Illinois.

FOUR FIREMEN PERISHED

Results of a Fire and Explosions in a Six-Story Factory Building in New York City.

New York.—Four gallant firemen perished and about a score of firemen and citizens were injured, Monday, in a fire accompanied by a series of explosions that demolished a six-story factory building at Bedford and Downing streets, in the Greenwich village district on the lower west side of the city. That the damage, which is estimated at from \$300,000 to \$400,000, was not far greater, was declared by Chief Croker to be due to the explosions which shattered the building and crushed the blaze beneath tons of debris at the moment when the flames were completely beyond control and threatening to sweep the entire block. One fireman was taken out of the building alive, but died almost immediately. The bodies of his three comrades were recovered.

The dead are: Foreman John Walsh and Firemen George C. Cristman, Thomas L. Halpin and J. Healy, all of Engine Company No. 14. Fireman Jacob Cohen and Lewis F. Cail, also of engine 14, were burned and bruised and removed to the hospital. The other persons injured were, for the most part, employed in the factory, dwellers in the adjacent tenements and persons passing in the street who were struck by falling bricks or fragments of glass. None of these was seriously hurt.

TRUNK MYSTERY SOLVED

Woman Who Passed as McVickar's Wife Arrested—She Lays the Crime to Joe Miller.

San Francisco.—The gruesome mystery connected with the finding of the dead body of Albert N. McVickar, in a trunk at the Southern Pacific station at Stockton, on Saturday night, has practically been solved. The identification of the body, coupled with the fact that a woman who passed as McVickar's wife, but whose real name is Mrs. Emma Ledoux, left Stockton shortly after the tragedy, was followed, Monday, by the arrest of the woman at Antioch, in Contra Costa county. Mrs. Ledoux made the following statement:

"We had all been drinking and McVickar and I were drunk. McVickar had lots of money and Joe Miller gave him carbolide acid. Then I don't know just what happened. Miller and I put the body in the trunk and sent it to the depot. "Miller got all the money," she continued, "and I do not know how much there was; but he got it."

TORNADO IN OKLAHOMA

Three Persons Seriously Injured and Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Damage Done.

Perry, Okla.—At least three persons sustained severe injuries and thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed in a tornado that struck the neighborhood south of Billings, Okla., late Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. James Russell were critically hurt as they lay in bed. The house was literally blown to pieces over their heads and they were buried in the ruins. Mrs. Sam Merfield sustained serious injuries in a similar manner.

The cloud was seen first south of Billings. It split, half turning toward Red Rock and the other sweeping down north over Ceres.

CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY

Five Arrests Made in Connection With the Enterprise Bank Failure in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A number of arrests were made, Monday afternoon, in connection with the failure of the Enterprise bank. Forest Nichols, private secretary to W. H. Andrews, and George L. Ralston, Charles Menaeuer and Edward T. McMillan, former clerks in the bank, were arrested on charges of conspiracy to defraud on information made by Special Bank Examiner Edward P. Moxey.

George E. Cook, an alleged partner of Cashier Clark in several real estate deals, was also arrested. Nichols and Ralston gave bail in \$5,000 each. The other two are expected to furnish bail.

TRAIN WRECK IN WYOMING

Ten Killed and Seventeen Injured When Northwestern Train Goes Through Cut.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—A work and passenger train went through a cut on the Northwestern railway, 20 miles northwest of Casper, Wyo., Monday morning. Ten persons were killed and 17 injured. Railroad bridges were washed out and surgeons were sent to the scene in wagons.

Most of the killed were Austrian laborers on their way to a grading camp. They were in a caboose, which fell in the river, and a car, loaded with a heavy tank, fell on the caboose, drowning the unfortunates like rats in a trap.

Bad Fire at Fayetteville, N. C.

Fayetteville, N. C.—A disastrous fire which started in the Frank Thornton Dry Goods Co.'s stores at night, in the center of the city, destroyed eleven buildings. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. No one was killed, but several persons were hurt.

Death of an Aged Redskin.

Guthrie, Okla.—The venerable High Back Wolf, more than 100 years old, died near Kingfisher. He was the oldest living Cheyenne Indian, and one of the oldest redskins in the south-west.

Welcomed to Japan.

Tokio.—Jacob Schiff, the well-known New York banker, has arrived here and the papers are full of eulogistic comment of his services rendered in raising Japanese loans in America. Bankers of this city are preparing to give him a magnificent reception.

Another Teamsters' Strike Imminent.

Chicago.—This city will doubtless see a second big teamsters' strike if the plans laid by the Truckdrivers' union at a meeting held Sunday are carried out.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Missouri Supreme Court Decision. Jefferson City—A tabulation of the work done by the Missouri supreme court during 1905, by John R. Green, clerk, shows 563 cases to have been disposed of in the two divisions and by court in banc. Division No. 2, the criminal branch, led, with 232 cases; division No. 1 came next with 138, and court in banc disposed of 193. Five hundred and thirty-nine cases were filed during the year, showing a gain of twenty-four cases in the work performed. All the criminal cases have been advanced, and every case submitted has been decided. It is estimated that on the civil docket the court is a year and a half behind. These figures give the number of opinions written by the several judges: Per curiam, 2; Brace, P. J., 25; Marshall, 68; Gant, 90; Burgess, 44; Valliant, 43; Fox, T. Lamm, 37, making a total of 330. The seeming discrepancy in the figures showing the number of cases disposed of and the opinions handed down is explained by the fact that many were dismissed for failure to comply with the rules, and for other reasons.

Coroner's Jury Acquits Policeman.

Springfield.—A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned by the coroner's jury in the case of Thomas Murphy, alias Moore, of Vinita, I. T., who was killed in a pistol duel with Policeman John Wimberly, John McMartin, the old man who is thought to have been a companion of Murphy, and who was taken into custody soon after the killing, is held for investigation. Frank Riggs, a young man who said his home is in St. Joseph, and who was seen in company with Murphy a short time before the tragedy, is also being held.

Missouri Mining Land Sells High.

Joplin.—Announcement is made of a sale of 40 acres of mining land located north of Webb City for \$100,000 to eastern capitalists. The tract was owned by John Wise and John Malang, both of this city, and is one of the best developed tracts in the district, having a number of paying mines now in operation.

Decker Cases Set for April 16.

Springfield.—Transcripts of the record in the three cases against Louis Becker, of St. Louis, charged with bribery and perjury, sent to the Greene county criminal court on change of venue, were filed here, and, by